

LICENSURE OVERVIEW

Missouri Committee
for
Professional Counselors

The purpose of the Committee is to ensure consumers receive treatment from qualified practitioners according to the counselor law and rules.

Six members; five practitioners and one public member. Composition must reflect various regions of the state and various areas of practice.



What Does Licensure Mean?

- ▶ **Licensure** defines “scope of practice” & the state determines qualifications needed to be licensed by law or administrative rule.
- ▶ **Certification** 1) Non-governmental - Provided by an association or certifying entity. Usually voluntary & obtained by meeting certain criteria. 2) Legal certification - Provided by government & may incorporate or recognize nongovernmental certification.
- ▶ **Registration** Restricts use of title and normally does not restrict the practice. States often register practitioners and use certification standards.

What Professions are Licensed or Certified?

- ✓ **Licensed Professional Counselors**
- ✓ **Licensed Psychologists**
- ✓ **Licensed Clinical Social Workers**
- ✓ **Provisional Licensed Professional Counselors and Clinical Social Workers**
- ✓ **Provisional and Temporary Licensed Psychologists**
- ✓ **Licensed Marital & Family Therapists**
- ✓ **Psychiatrists**
- ✓ **Certified Substance Abuse Counselors**

REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE











- ✓ EDUCATION
- ✓ EXPERIENCE
- ✓ EXAMINATION



EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **MASTER'S DEGREE IN COUNSELING OR MENTAL HEALTH DISCIPLINE FROM A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED INSTITUTION**
- **A THREE-SEMESTER HOUR, GRADUATE LEVEL COURSE IN WHICH GRADUATE CREDIT WAS AWARDED IN EACH OF THE NINE CORE AREAS.**
- **5 OR 6 HOURS OF PRACTICUM BASED UPON WHEN APPLICANT BEGAN GRADUATE PROGRAM**
- **COURSE WORK CANNOT BE PROVIDED BY VIDEO OR AUDIO TAPE.**
- **THE COURSE MUST FOCUS ON THE CORE AREA**
- **GRADUATE CREDIT REQUIRED**

CORE AREAS REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE

-  **COUNSELING THEORY**
-  **HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**
-  **HELPING RELATIONSHIP**
-  **SOCIAL & CULTURAL FOUNDATIONS**
-  **CAREER DEVELOPMENT**
-  **APPRAISAL OF INDIVIDUALS**
-  **GROUP DYNAMICS**
-  **RESEARCH METHODS**
-  **PROFESSIONAL ORIENTATION**
-  **FIVE OR SIX HOURS OF PRACTICUM**

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

- Registered & approved by the Committee
- Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Psychologist or Psychiatrist
- 3,000 hours in no less than two years & no more than four years
- One hour per week face-to-face supervision
- Supervisor must be employed at the same site or affiliated to the site by contract
- Changes in original counseling plan must be filed with committee

SUPERVISOR REQUIREMENTS

- **LPC, Psychologist or Psychiatrist & cannot be a relative**
- **Meet face-to-face at least once a week**
- **Full order & control**
- **Provide training appropriate to applicant's area of practice**
- **Attest to hours, time & performance**



FREQUENT QUESTIONS

⊕ **Can a CIT have more than 1 supervisor & 1 setting?**

⊕ CITs may have more than 1 supervisor & setting. All information must be reviewed & approved by the committee.

⊕ **What type of services can a CIT provide and does the CIT have to work in a salaried position?**

⊕ Any services provided must be within the definition of the law and under registered supervisor's full order & control.

⊕ Services can be "for pay" or volunteer.

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS



- 📁 National Counselor Examination
- 📁 Exam taken through National Board for Certified Counselors
- 📁 Scores are sent to committee and maintained in applicant's file

PROVISIONAL LICENSURE

Criteria

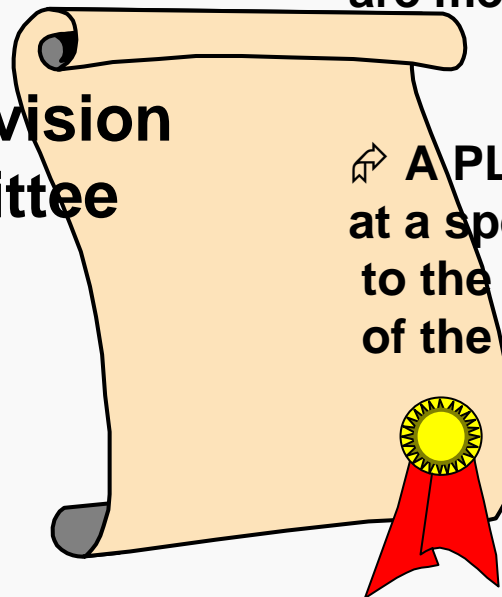
↗ **An applicant must meet all educational requirements**

↗ A provisional license is issued automatically when supervision is registered & if all criteria are met.

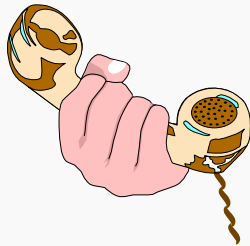
↗ **Register supervision with the committee**

↗ A PLPC shall provide services at a specific site & according to the full oversight & control of the registered supervisor.

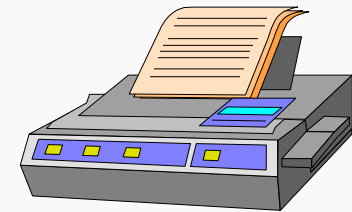
↗ **Pass the NCE**



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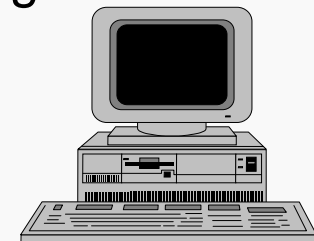
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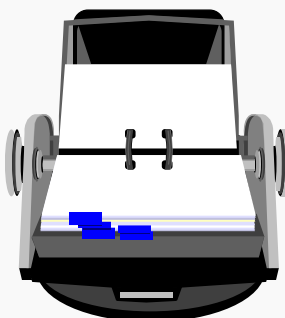
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<http://www.counseling.org>



National Board for Certified Counselors

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Greensboro, NC 27403

336/547-0607

FAX 336/547-0017

<http://www.nbcc.org>

Administers national examination

Missouri Dept. of Elem. & Sec. Education

Box 480

Jefferson City MO 65102

573/751-3486

Certifies School Counselors

American Counseling Association of Missouri

Box 6643

Jefferson City MO 65102-6643

800/622-9470

MO Substance Abuse Counselors Certification Board

Box 1250

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<http://www.state.mo.us.dmh/modmh.htm>

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Certifies substance abuse counselors

